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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Chief of Staff

DATE: 12 June 1956

FROM : Head, World War II Battle Evaluation Section

SUBJECT: Comments on GSD Critique of 12 June 1956

1. It had been my plan, prior to attending the GSD Critique this morning, to mention certain points relating thereto for consideration in the future. I had a lot of contact, as I always do, with visitors of all types--i.e. service, reserve, and civilian, and I think the general opinions I obtained from them were about as follows:

a. Preliminary Information: Everyone was astonished at the preliminary information they were supposed to garner through their own effort by reading recommended books and papers given them. I think the result of this is that a large number, - at least of civilian guests - if not a majority thereof gave up and practically read nothing! My suggestion is that it might be preferable if we gave them something definite to read and saw that it was sent to them.

b. Entertainment Schedule: The entertainment schedule was very well handled and I heard no "kicks". I think the idea of having the Reserve Officers' Cocktail Party (No-Host) on ~~Saturday~~ <sup>Wednesday</sup> afternoon of the first Reserve Week and therefore prior to the assembly of the civilians was wise and satisfactory. I think that Captain Dow was in error this morning when he suggested that this Cocktail Party had been mixed up with the GSD Party. I also think that Captain Dow is in error when he recommends that the GSD Dinner to the President be ignored. It cannot be ignored. It is something that the visitors look forward to doing; it is not much more expensive to them, if at all, than attending the Clambake Club.

It is to be expected that there will be a lot of social activities for many of the visitors know citizens of the town and are invited to their homes from time to time. For example, Mrs. George Warren offered to give a cocktail party at her home if the College desired. I thanked her but told her it was not necessary this year.

c. Administrative Matters: I think that the arrangements, as stated in the discussions this morning, were very well done. Captain Simmers and his team created very good will and I heard no criticisms whatsoever.

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d. Senior Reserve Officers Course: I talked to many of the Senior Reserve Officers and they all agreed that they got much more out of the first week than they did out of the second. This is because the first week is devoted to specific items and specific subjects and they were practically forced to be present and to take the courses. They liked the Battle Study Films.

e. Type Commanders: The Type Commanders Conference was helpful this year, and, as a matter of fact, it was last year, although the presence of so many flag officers always brings serious problems. The advantages are two:

(1) Many of the flag officers are not graduates of any college and it is important that they discern what we are endeavoring to learn here.

In this connection I am reminded of the fact that one vice-admiral on this occasion was startled at the high level of these discussions and seemed to be a little disappointed at his inability to enter into the discussions more adequately. He, stressed this to me with such force that I checked up and found that he had not uttered one word in his section. I hope he will be invited again. Then I am sure he will come better prepared.

(2) It is not a bad thing for the students and the staff to see more closely their senior officers. I feel that the presence of these flag officers is very important indeed as part of the War College course.

f. Number of Civilians Attending: The complaint which was raised today has been a standard complaint although this time we had at least three times as many civilians as we had in the earlier days, the desire to have more of them continues. This is a problem, of course, for the administration of the College. I am wondering if it is not true that the big problem is the failure of the regular officers to appreciate the fact that the Reserves and Civilians are all really civilians.

It seems to me that If I were a moderator, I would start out by inviting the attention of my section to the following;

I would point out how many officers there were (1) from the staff of the College, (2) from the students, (3) from the fleet. Then I would point out the number of Reserve Officers present, and explain that they were a sort of "go-between" between the civilians and the military.

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Finally, I would point out the number of "pure" civilians present. I would explain to each group what I hoped we would gain through these varied sources of information.

g. Repeaters: I am naturally thoroughly sold on the idea of "repeaters!" Having been here for every GSD since its inception, I feel that, for the sake of expediting the process, there must be a number of repeaters. I noted from the discussion today that this idea meets with general favor.

h. Plenary Session: I think the Plenary Session was in general up to the standards of the past, but in my mind this one, like others, allowed itself too often to get adrift. It was always my understanding that the GSD were designed to view global strategy mostly from the Naval viewpoint and therefore I feel that the Plenary Sessions should endeavor to tackle this field of endeavor in order to present this viewpoint. This was not done.

While I realize that there are some advantages in having men like Mr. Keller and Mr. Adams speak, if for no other reason than to present them to the civilians and to officers who do not know them, neither of their subjects, in my mind, contributed in any way to the GSD. When I mentioned this to some of the civilians, they said "Well, we like to see a man like Keller, who has raised himself by his bootstraps". I then pointed out that if they wanted the real feature, it was the example of Americanism of the highest type, presented by on the one hand, Mr. Keller, who had worked his way up from the machine shop to be head of one of our giant corporations, and on the other hand by Mr. Adams, who was a descendant of two presidents of the United States and had a long aristocratic lineage.

i. Finally, I think that this GSD was a successful, if not the most successful, we have had yet. Everyone I spoke to seemed very happy about it, and many of them suggested that they might have been worked harder. I think that the President's memorandum or message of commendation to all hands hit the nail on the head.

R.W. BATES

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TO : COMO R. W. BATES

DATE: 13 June 1956

FROM : CAPT H.M.S. GIMBER

SUBJECT: Leave schedule

1. The tentative leave schedule for the personnel of the section is submitted herewith. If approved the schedule will be submitted to the Secretary.
2. Will you please sign the attached leave requests for the enlisted personnel.
3. I have not indicated any leave for myself for the summer but I hope that I will be permitted to take leave in short periods somewhat as follows:
  - a. July - 2 days temporary duty during first two weeks to go to St Albans.
  - b. August - 3 to 5 days to go to Albany.
  - c. September - 5 to 7 days for 25th Reunion.
  - d. October - 3 to 5 days to go to Albany.
  - e. December - 3 to 5 days to go to Albany.
  - f. March & May - 3 to 5 days to go to Albany.
  - g. June - 5 to 7 days to attend June week at Naval Academy.

Respectfully,

 H.M.S. GIMBER

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NOTES FOR WASHINGTON TRIP -- 4 July to 6 July

1. CAPT A. R. Matter, USN - Aviation Personnel Division Room  
4E408 Pentagon  
Purpose : Commander Zirkle. 74366
2. RADM H. A. Yeager USN - AssChief for Education & Training  
Room 3076 (Arlinx)  
Purpose: General
3. RADM J B Heffernan, USN - Dir Naval History Section Room  
MN1210 Op29
4. ADM D. B. Duncan USN - Vice CNO Room 4E624
5. CAPT K. L. Nutting USN - Director, Training Division Rm 3076.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT, NAVAL WAR COLLEGE

From: Commodore R. W. Bates, USN(Ret)

Subj: Washington Trip Report

1. My trip to Washington was very satisfactory; everybody was extremely friendly; and I think I accomplished what I planned to. My visits were as follows:

a. ADM D.B. DUNCAN, USN, VCNO.

I talked with Admiral Duncan for an hour and a quarter about many things. What he talked about mostly though were the adjustments in the Navy being brought on by the Youth Movement, what happened to him, the manner in which it was accomplished, and of his present lack of decision regarding what he was going to do.

He pointed out that he did not have a top assignment; that there were no top assignments available, all of them having been filled. Therefore, if he remained, he would have to accept a lesser assignment and that he had not as yet decided on that. As a matter of information, he is to be relieved on September 1st.

b. RADM J.B. HEFFERNAN, USN(RET), Director of Naval History.

My visit with Admiral Heffernan was quite productive. I had been seeking the release of some papers for a long time, which papers have been held in a sort of "escrow". I found out from Admiral Heffernan that the papers were now in Alexandria and was told that they had made copies of them and, if I wished to have and if I could get VADM G.L. RUSSELL, USN (DCNO, ADMIN) to approve, they would be made available to me. (I saw Admiral Russell and he was extremely friendly, said he would make a "command decision" then and there, and gave me the papers which will be here presently.) I feel confident that you will be interested in part of them but, until I see them, I don't know exactly what they consist of.

Admiral Heffernan, as you know, will be relieved by RADM Eller (presently Dean of Engineering at Bucknell) at which time Admiral Heffernan will take a job--with no pay--with the Naval Historical Foundation.

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c. CAPT K.L. NUTTING, USN, Training Division.

Captain Nutting, as usual, was very understanding and friendly. We had a meeting over the release of the film, Battle of Savo Island. As you know, this film is critical of command and we were reluctant to allow it to be released in certain circles, notably to the Reserves, who for a time have been anxious to get it. However, the Naval Reserve officers who were here and connected with Global Strategy felt, with me, that it is not good to release that film to the reserve units, but rather that it should be maintained for regular officers and for the more senior reserve officers. The Navy Department appears to concur in this respect, so it seems likely that the films Battle of the Coral Sea and Battle of Midway will be made available to the Reserve Officer Training Units and that the Battle of Savo Island distribution will remain restricted.

d. CAPT A.R. MATTER, USN, Aviation Personnel Division.

I had a long talk with Captain Matter regarding the assignment of CDR Zirkle and his relief. Captain Matter fortunately understands the problems of this office much better than any of his predecessors or assistants because I was very friendly with him here and he followed rather closely what I was doing. The present plan is that CDR Zirkle will be detached in October to go to the Special Weapons section on the staff of CINCLANTFLT. However, CDR Zirkle opposes this on the ground that the "name" doesn't signify the job. Captain Matter has asked that CDR Zirkle come down to see him, which CDR Zirkle will do when he and CDR Cole go down to Alexandria (Naval Records Management Center) to look for some papers.

This office has been very friendly to me and will be even more so with the arrival of RADM F.N. KIVETTE, presently CofS, Joint Staff, CINCPAC, who was Head of Strategy and Tactics here a few years ago. His boss is RADM W.V. DAVIS, Jr and at the present moment I don't feel I know him.

e. ADM JERARD WRIGHT, USN, CINCLANT, SACLANT.

I ran into Admiral Wright down in Washington and all I did was to commend him on his speech before the Global Strategy Plenary Session. He seemed quite pleased about it. I told him that he maintained the highest standard that we endeavor to maintain and succeeded in convincing everyone that he was extremely well-informed concerning the nature of his responsibilities and equally able to inform others therein. As a matter of fact, I told him I was going to write him a letter, although I have not done so as yet.

f. RADM W.M. BEAKLEY, ACNO, Plans & Policy.

I had dinner with Admiral Beakley but since Captain and Mrs. F.H. Brumby were there also we did not discuss matters which I would have liked to discuss with him. However, I did say that I was a little surprised that they had extended

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Admiral Stump for two years because the rumor was that Admiral Ingersoll would move from the Western Pacific to Pearl Harbor. To this, Admiral Beakley replied, "Admiral Stump was extended for two years as CINCPACFLT, but nothing was said about CINCPAC". So, it could be possible that they are going to set up two commands there.

Admiral Beakley looked fine and said business was as usual.

2. I saw many others but my time was short as I had to return to Newport to prepare for departure for California. For your information, the members of the Selection Board are: Admirals Stump, McMahon, Libby, Pride, Wellborn, Hartman, Watkins, Sabin, and Duerfeldt. I certainly feel that you will be President of the Selection Board next year. I hope your trip was successful for what you were working on was a difficult thing to accomplish, although it has to be done by somebody and I know nobody better than yourself more qualified to do it.

Once again I heard no comment concerning my possible change here. Everybody knows now and said to me, "Well, at least you will have it made for another year", and this was said in a happy vein, so I was just as happy as they were.

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MEMORANDUM

From: Commodore R. W. Bates, USN(Ret)  
To: Secretary, U.S. Naval War College

1. When I was in Washington I had a conversation with RADM J.B. Heffernan (Director Naval History Division) and VADM G.L. Russell (DCNO Administration). It was agreed that certain books, belonging to the Commander in Chief, Pacific Fleet's office at Pearl Harbor during World War II, would be forwarded to me.

2. You will receive a letter from Admiral Heffernan telling you about these books and saying that they are to be held for me only. This arrangement was brought about at my own request as there may be data in these books not yet releasable and which I don't want anyone to see.

3. I have altered my decision in this matter a little. I am pretty anxious to know what is contained therein so, when these books arrive, I would like you to turn them over to Captain H.M.S. Gimber, Jr., USN, who I will direct to look them over but to show none of it to anyone except the President of the War College if he should so request.

R. W. BATES

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Chief Clerk

FROM : World War II Battle Evaluation Group

SUBJECT: Volume of Records Report

DATE: 12 July 1956

Ref: (a) NAVWARCOL INSTRUCTION 5210.1

1. In compliance with reference (a) a report of the volume of records held by the WWII Battle Evaluation Group and of records destroyed during the preceding fiscal year is submitted:

<u>Volume of Records Held</u>	<u>Volume of Records Destroyed or Scrapped</u>
a. Record Material 43 cubic feet	None
b. Non-Record Material 5 Cubic feet	10 cubic feet

H.M.S. GIMBER, Jr.  
Captain, U.S. Navy

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NAVAL WAR COLLEGE  
Newport, R.I.

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22 August 1956

NAVWARCOL NOTICE 1520

From: President, Naval War College  
To: All Staff Officers

Subj: Manuscripts of formal staff presentations; disposition of

Ref: (a) NAVWARCOL INSTRUCTION 1520.1D

1. Purpose. The Purpose of this Notice is to establish the procedure for disposition of manuscripts of formal staff presentations.
2. Information. Formal presentations are interpreted to mean those presentations scheduled in the Naval War College Lecture Program as approved by the Academic Board. Formal staff briefings and orientations, even though approved as part of the Lecture Program, are excluded.
3. Action. a. Two copies of each formal staff presentation will be furnished the Lecture Program Officer.  
b. In the case of an unclassified lecture, one copy shall be maintained on file by the Lecture Program Officer and one copy shall be filed in the library.  
c. In the case of classified lectures, both copies shall be filed in the classified library. In this case the Lecture Program Officer shall maintain a list of these classified lectures.  
d. Manuscripts of formal staff presentations shall be available to members of the staff and students for reference purposes.
4. Cancellation. This Notice is cancelled on 12 June 1957.



G. A. MOORE  
Acting Chief of Staff

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MEMORANDUM

From: RADM R. W. Bates, USN(Ret)  
To: Captain L. W. Creighton, USN

Once again it is my privilege to congratulate you upon the very fine handling of the boxing tournament held Monday night last between the All-Navy champions and the representatives of the Baltimore AAU.

As you know, I brought a large number of guests to this tournament and they were very impressed, not only with the handling of the tournament and the fine spirit and good sportsmanship displayed by the boxers but also by the arrangements made for handling automobiles.

In general, my guests had no difficulty because of the fine directions and fine arrangements made by one of your assistants, CHBOSN P. Nevins for finding the gymnasium where the fights occurred, in being parked, and in getting away from the gymnasium.

The excellence of the above arrangements is an indication of the capabilities of those concerned with it, and I hope that you will bring this memorandum to their attention. I particularly wish to commend CHBOSN Nevins, who discussed my problems with me and so arranged it that my problems disappeared.

I want to thank you very much for the tickets which you gave to me and for your help in assisting me to bring to the civilian public the accomplishments of our Navy in the athletic field. As I have said before to you, it is a very important thing that civilians be invited

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when possible to affairs of this nature; many of them have children in the service, have been in the service themselves, or have children and friends who will be in the service.

Therefore, an understanding of the efficient and courteous manner with which the Navy does things builds in them a pride in their Navy and a confidence for the future.

R. W. BATES

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25 September 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT, NAVAL WAR COLLEGE

From: Commodore R. W. Bates, U.S. Navy (Ret)

Subj: Foreign Officers Command & Staff Course

1. Yesterday, at your stag party, I had quite a talk, as I said to you, with Commander Fethi Gubel, the Turkish Officer. I found him to be a very pleasant fellow who speaks English quite well and, in general, seems happy in his work at this College. However, I gave him "free rein" and he said, "I am going to tell you what I think is wrong, because I feel that you want to know the truth." I said, "That's right, that is the American way, and we want to know." So he spoke as follows:

a. BOQ

He stated that he didn't think that many of the officers liked being in the BOQ, that he most certainly did not, and that he had now taken an apartment in town. He said that he was on foreign aid and thereby got five dollars a day when he was in the BOQ, but, when he was outside of the Naval Base, he received eight dollars a day, the difference being roughly \$90 a month. He feels that, if we had some apartments available, that cost something like this amount, it would be a very good thing.

b. DUAL RESPONSIBILITY

He said, in connection with this apartment in town, that he had a dual responsibility here. The first was, of course, to learn naval warfare from the viewpoint of the Americans; the other was to meet the American people and to learn from them how they think and do things. He said that he was utterly unable to do this (1) if he lived on the Naval Base in the BOQ, and (2) if he got overburdened with work.

c. OVERBURDENED WITH WORK

He said that he, personally, was overburdened, that he works eight hours a day in the classroom and all in the English language. Now, he said, if he were reading and listening to Turkish language, he wouldn't be tired but that here he is tired because reading a foreign language, and listening to it, for eight hours straight is not easy. He said that when he came home he wanted to read the Turkish papers or whatever he had, and he found that he was so tired that he wasn't able to do so.

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d. "STREAMLINING"

He said that he has checked up and found that most of the officers (that is, the foreign officers), if not all, have served on staffs, and that many of them have been to staff schools of one kind or another; that he, himself, had not only been to a staff school in Turkey, but is a graduate of the NATO Defense College. Now, we all know that the NATO Defense College is a "low-level" college, but I don't think that he has discovered this fact as yet. However, the fact that many of the foreign students are graduates of these colleges makes many of them feel that about twenty percent of the course they are getting here could be dropped or radically modified. As examples of this, he gave two: One was the fact that in international law, the Navy has put out a book by which the fleet is to be guided, which book he says covers every point, a beautiful job. He suggested that the College should have used that book for the foreign students and that the eleven ~~other~~ books (or some round figure of that kind) should have been given as references. Instead, he said, they had to read all eleven books, which was a frightful chore for him because he reads slowly. He pointed out, as a second example, that everyone of the students has to review a book (that his book is 250 pages long) and because he has not been taught how to "scan", he has to read instead every word. Therefore, he found that he had to read the book at least twice to be able to condense what he had read into a thousand words. I could see, from this, that his recommendation was that the reviewing of books be omitted as all students had done that in their staff colleges. He thought that the other students had the same problem.

e. DOING JUSTICE

He commented on the fact that Admiral Burke had said that all of them were chosen because of their outstanding character as naval officers. Therefore, he felt that he wasn't doing justice, and couldn't do justice, to himself with this object in view if he got to be so worn out in the classroom that he wasn't able to (a) think about what he was doing, or (b) attend to the other factors which, as I pointed out above, were quite important in his training; i.e., to understand Americans.

f. STAFF

He said that he was concerned to note that there was nobody on the staff of the school who had had any international associations, or that had been on any international staff anywhere. He thought that this accounted, in part, for the fact that the curriculum was made out on American lines--along the

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way Americans operate--rather than with a recognition of the fact that foreigners think and act differently and have been educated differently. He therefore felt that the course should be "streamlined" to a degree to fit in with this fact. I didn't say this to him, but, of course, what suits a Turkish officer does not necessarily suit a Japanese officer, and that, in the end, we shall have to keep pretty close to American lines to make it fair for all. On the other hand, I do think that it is necessary for some "streamlining", perhaps because of the fact that reading English, and listening to English, is such a strain. However, I recollect that when I was at Columbia the Argentine officer in our group was having trouble because of the same problems as these gentlemen may be having here. Courses cannot be adjusted for all backgrounds, but we could probably hit a pretty good level after we know a little bit more about the qualifications of different members of this class.

g. LECTURERS

He was quite concerned about the lecturers. He said a lot of them, and notably those in international law, had a very bad habit of talking at length, using long sentences and strange phraseology, with the result that it was very difficult for those not familiar with the English language to keep from getting lost. He stated that the employment of idioms was difficult and that this fact did not seem to be understood by these lecturers. I told him that I personally recognized this fact and had suggested to one lecturer that he endeavor to avoid this error, to speak with short direct sentences, and to look at the students while he was doing this so that they might be able to read his lips to a degree as well as to hear, that I felt that this combination would suit them better. To this, Commander Gubel replied that this was exactly what he meant.

2. He said other things which will come to mind later, I think. I spoke to Captain Cook about it after Commander Gubel spoke with me, and I think Captain Cook has most of this data. Commander Gubel, I am glad to say, spoke very frankly, and said he thought that they could improve future courses because of these facts. I stated that I appreciated the fact that he had singled me out to speak to me, and I told him that what he had to say had not fallen on deaf ears, that we were very anxious to have them explain their problems if they have any, and that we were very anxious to do all that we could to help.

R. W. BATES

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TO : Lecture Program Officer  
Naval War College

DATE: 27 Sept 1956

FROM : Head, World War II Battle Evaluation Group  
Naval War College

SUBJECT: Manuscripts of form staff presentation; forwarding of

Ref: (a) NWC NOTICE 1520 of 22 Aug 1956

Encl: (1) Presentation of 19 Sept 1956 (two copies)

1. As requested by reference (a), two copies of the formal presentation given by myself on 19 September 1956 at 1100 are forwarded herewith as enclosure (1).

2. Classification of the subject presentations <sup>15</sup> are considered as Confidential, and are so marked.

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MEMORANDUM

From: Head, World War II Battle Evaluation Group  
To: President, U.S. Naval War College

Subj: Trip Report

1. I made a trip to Washington, leaving on Monday afternoon October 8th and returning on Thursday, October 11th, 1956. I did not see very many people in Washington because my time was short and the World Series interfered with the mental processes of many of those to whom I addressed myself.

a. Rear Admiral H.A. Yeager, U.S. Navy (Assistant Chief of Naval Personnel for Personnel Control) and Captain R. P. Davis, U.S. Navy (Director of Enlisted Personnel Division).

I went in to talk to these officers primarily about the retention of Samuel Trembath, QMC, USN, in my section here. To my surprise, I discovered, when I arrived there, that a decision had been made that morning by Vice Admiral Holloway. Evidently, Admiral Yeager and Captain Davis, fearing greatly the rectitude of my position and desiring not to have their ideas changed, had a decision rendered ahead of time.

Needless to say, I was very irritated about this and told them that I had come down to discuss the matter but had not been allowed to say anything other than that written in the letter. Captain Davis informed me that they had made a policy decision to the effect that no one was to be extended over their normal shore cruise and that there would be no further extensions approved. He included Chief Yeoman Hodges in this comment. He also stated that the relief for Trembath was, so far as they could determine, of very high caliber and since he had a GCT of 65 should fit in well with the scheme of things.

b. Rear Admiral H.A. Yeager, U.S. Navy.

Admiral Yeager said that he was about to be detached to command CruDiv TWO, and had been told by Admiral Holloway that it was important that he get him to sea because they had a job for him (apparently ashore). I don't know what this job could be but there are rumors that Admiral Holloway (in accordance with the Secretary of the Navy's idea of placing younger men in top positions) may be planning to have him (Admiral Yeager) as his relief as Chief of the Bureau of Naval Personnel. If this is so, it is strange

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because Admiral Yeager is quite "junior".

Admiral Yeager also said that he had now to recommend which retired officers to keep on active duty as the Secretary of the Navy was very difficult about this.

I replied that all they needed to do was to place the facts on the table and, if the Secretary didn't like them, he could disapprove them, but that, in my mind, the facts should be stated thereon without fear of favor.

c. Captain K. L. Nutting, U.S. Navy, Director of the Training Division, Bureau of Naval Personnel.

Captain Nutting was, as usual, very helpful. He and his staff recognize the importance of the Naval War College and its accomplishments in the educational field. They also approve greatly of what my section is accomplishing and are very friendly about it. There is nothing new in Captain Nutting's office of interest to the College, at least that I was made acquainted with.

d. Rear Admiral E. M. Eller, U.S. Navy, Director of the Naval History Division.

I had a very friendly talk with "Judge" Eller. I think that he is an excellent choice as he is very capable, very thorough, and is going into this thing with a "fine tooth comb". I feel that once he has gotten himself oriented, the History Division of our Navy will be equal to any. He says that he is coming up to Newport to look around, and, even though he is in no way connected with such matters, he is particularly going to look over what we are doing in order to familiarize himself with our situation. He also said he was very gratified that we were not under him, that we properly belonged under the President of the Naval War College as is presently being done.

e. Admiral William M. Fichteler, U.S. Navy(Ret),  
Cordiner Committee, Room 3D1043, Pentagon.

Admiral Fichteler and I had a very long talk; in fact, for exactly forty-five minutes. In his office is LtGen Smith, USA, who is also a member of the Officer Committee of the Cordiner Committee. Admiral Fichteler seems to be the Head of this group. They are going to submit a report very favorable toward increased pay (at least this is what I interpreted) for officers depending upon their rank which gives added responsibilities. He inferred that his recommendation would be very similar to what I suggested in my letter; that is, that the

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responsibilities of command are to be recognized as part of the basic pay. I don't think that they are in favor of bonuses for command and neither am I.

I was greatly gratified with what the Admiral had to say. He said that he didn't want any "leaks" about any of this so I am therefore going to classify this memorandum as Confidential. I am going to write to him shortly to obtain a copy of the speech he made when he, as it were, retired from CinC South.

f. Admiral Harry D. Felt, U.S. Navy, Vice Chief of Naval Operations.

I was with Admiral Felt for about two hours. The visit consisted mostly of listening to the television performance of the World Series. Admiral Felt clearly is a baseball enthusiast. We talked about the Naval War College to a degree, the substance of which I have already told you about. Admiral Felt seems to be handling his job without too much pressure and seems very satisfied with it. I am not sure that he is quite accustomed to all the "gold braid" on his sleeve because I saw him looking at it several times; the reason for this is that he had been in khaki's and had just recently made the change-over to blue. I remarked to him, "Haven't you become accustomed to all of that gold braid?" to which he just merely chuckled. He seems very friendly indeed.

g. Vice Admiral Herbert G. Hopwood, U.S. Navy, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Logistics).

I talked to Admiral Hopwood about Logistics. I said very little, but did inform him that his predecessors had been the principal stalwarts in support of this college for certain factors, notably Fort Adams, the EMBS and items of that nature. He listened very attentively. I think we have a friend there. What he told me about other things he has already told you so I won't go into that further.

h. Rear Admiral Wallace M. Beakley, U.S. Navy, Assistant Chief of Naval Operations (Plans and Policy).

Admiral Beakley had just been in conference before my arrival. We talked about the Naval War College and he is also very interested in it. I suggested to him, as I did also to Admiral Yeager, that ~~the President~~ of the Naval War College should bear three stars and suggested also that they make comments thereon to the proper authority when the going is good. This, I have already told you about.

R. W. BATES

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12 October 1956

i. Captain K. L. Nutting, U.S. Navy and Captain W.T. Easton, U.S. Navy.

Both Captain Nutting in the Arlington Annex and Captain Easton in the Pentagon assembled for me certain information regarding the painting of a portrait of the former President of the NWC, Admiral McCormick, and another one of yourself. I informed them both that the problem of Simms Hall was over for the present as Mrs. Simms had decided to loan the NWC a large portrait of her husband for Simms Hall. I also informed them that the matter of the painting of Admiral McCormick was not over and showed Captain Nutting and others Captain Easton's letter to Commander Schwartz. Captain Easton now openly admits that his letter was not too good.

It was decided that the best way to start on getting \$500 for a painting by Colonel Capolino was to ask for non-appropriated funds. I have therefore prepared a letter for your signature for such non-appropriated funds under the cognizance of the Chief of Naval Personnel.

Meanwhile, I have checked on Commander Dwight Shepler and find that he is on the active reserve list and therefore could be readily called back to active duty if he is willing. I will send him a letter to see if he is willing to be recalled to active duty to paint you. Meanwhile, I have communicated with Commander Murray whose reply is still in the negative, but he infers that if things clear up he might be willing to be called to active duty. I think Dwight Shepler is the better bet for the present as we have had too much difficulty with Commander Murray.

j. Captain W. F. Kauffman, U.S. Navy.

I had a short pleasant talk with Captain Kauffman, aide to the Under Secretary of the Navy. We talked for a few minutes on the matter of the single service, the single Chief of Staff and all personnel in a single uniform. This has been tossed around for some time, notably by the Air Force and very now and then it seems to be brought to the fore with repeated force. Captain Kauffman showed me a little article--source forgotten--which indicated that the first step would be toward getting a single Chief of Staff. He seemed to feel that the question of the single service was not particularly pressing at the moment. I told him that I had reason to believe that there are strong forces from very high levels working toward this end. This is something the College might do well to consider.

*R. W. Bates*

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO :

DATE:

FROM :

SUBJECT:

1. MacArthur Histories -- Mr. W.J. Nigh, Chief, Army Records Section  
*Done*  
 Departmental Records Branch  
 King and Union Streets, Alex, Va.  
 Telephone 1225 Ext 85.

Leyte operations contained in Volume I "The Campaigns of MacArthur in the Pacific, December 1941 to September 1945 (Chapters VIII through XIV) and Volume II -- Japanese Operations in the Southwest Pacific Area, 8 December 1941 to 2 September 1945 (Chapters VIII through XIV).

2. Weather Charts -- Captain Paul R. Drouilhet, USN  
 Room 1512 Arlx  
 Telephone Ext 42806.
3. Captain I.S. Hartman (Assistant Director Enlisted Pers Division)  
 -- Room G841 Telephone Ext 42231.
4. Captain E.S. Powell Jr. USM -- Enlisted Distribution Branch  
 -- Room G825 Telephone Ext 42250  
 -- Regarding Chief Quartermaster James William LAIR, 385 25 24, (SS)  
 QM-0202-29, USN  
 Orders read: (a) Trans in Dec  
 (b) Delay in reporting 30 days  
 (c) Ships FM which trans: USS  
 MANHADEN  
 Auth: BUPERS MSG 101214Z of Oct 56

5. NWC Ltr Ser 2565-56 of Nov 14, 1956 -- relative to "Information concerning Japanese naval direction finder practices; request for"  
 For example: messages classify each fix by an alphabetical designation; e.g., as class "B" or "D"

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15 October 1956

MEMORANDUM

From: Head, World War II Battle Evaluation Group  
To: President, U.S. Naval War College

Subj: Trip Report dated 12 October 1956; addition to

1. It will be noted that, in my Trip Report dated 12 October 1956, there is no comment relating to the prospective orders of Rear Admiral W. M. Beakley, U.S. Navy, to be Commander Seventh Fleet with the rank of Vice Admiral.

2. I called Admiral Beakley on the telephone to congratulate him on his new assignment and to reprove him for not informing me of these prospective orders. Admiral Beakley replied that he didn't know about them himself, that he estimated that he would get the Seventh Fleet if he got anything because all of the other jobs had been taken. He also said that he, on Friday, had heard a rumor but that apparently all these things are held closely by the Chief of Naval Operations and others so that it is quite difficult--at least it was in his case--to discover anything new of this nature.

3. Admiral Beakley seemed very pleased about his orders and said he hoped he would get such an assignment, that this was the best one he could have gotten.

R. W. BATES

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26 October 1956

MEMORANDUM

From: Head, World War II Battle Evaluation Group  
To: President, U.S. Naval War College

Subj: Lecture, "Sea Power and Maritime Strategy"

1. I have read your lecture, "Sea Power and Maritime Strategy" and I have had it read by my staff and by Rear Admiral Eccles.
2. I have attached to the lecture certain notes made by different members of the staff which you may find of value. I have also prepared a rough outline of your lecture with comments concerning the outline by Commander Zirkle.
3. I am including herewith also a letter from Admiral Spruance to the Chief of Naval Operations which might be of interest.
4. All in all, the lecture is very interesting and should have been very profitable to the foreign students. However, it is my feeling, if you are planning to re-do it, that you take cognizance of the comments attached hereto. In other words, I don't feel that this, in general, is quite up to your "published" standards.

R. W. BATES

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# *Office Memorandum* • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Classified Library

DATE: 8 November 1956

FROM : Head, WW II Battle Evaluation Group

SUBJECT: Publication "Battle of Midway"; distribution of

1. While distribution list for the Battle of Midway indicates two copies were furnished to Marine Corps Schools, the request from Captain Barde seems to indicate it is no longer available there.
2. Recommend a copy be forwarded to Marine Corps Schools for retention and that Captain Barde be informed of the action taken.

R. W. BATES

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*Office Memorandum* • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : President, Naval War College

DATE: 4 Dec 1956

FROM : Head, WW II Battle Evaluation Group

SUBJECT: Ceremonies incident to the acceptance of Admiral Sims' portrait

1. I thought that the arrangements for this affair were excellent, your acceptance address very well-worded, and extraordinarily fitting, your delivery delightful.
2. I think that those who were fortunate enough to be honored as guests will remember it all with gratitude.
3. I am sure, because I talked with most of the Sims family, that they will treasure it all in their memories, and that, if they ever had any doubts, they now feel sure that the portrait is in its proper resting place.
4. Thanks for including me!

R. W. BATES

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NOTES FOR WASHINGTON TRIP -- October 7th -11th, 1956

1. Captain R.I. Davis, USN -- Dir Enl Pers Div -- Rm G841 -- Ext 42025.

Discuss matters relating to WW II BEG personnel (letter enclosed on TREMBATH).

2. Captain K.L. Nutting, USN-- Dir Trng Div -- Rm 3076 -- Ext 42388.

TREMBATH -- general

3. Adm William M. Fechteler, USN(Ret)-- Rm 3D1043 Pent -- Ext 5-2147.

General

4. VADM R.E. Libby, USN -- DCNO -- Rm 4E552 -- Ext 77469.

General

5. RADM R.N. Smoot, USN-- ACNO (Pers) -- Room 4E522 -- Ext 55517

General

6. RADM H.A. Yeager, USN -- AssChNavPers(PersControl)--Rm 2713 -- Ext 41291.

General

7. Captain C.H. Smith, USN --Room 2709 -- Officer Distribution Div Asst-  
-- Ext 42050.

General

8. Mrs. Lily Y. Tanaka - Room 1231 -- Ext (Roger Pineau ) 64421 --

General

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